



STATE OF ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD

December 9, 2015 Minutes



Meeting held at Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in North Little Rock, AR.

Members Present:

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| o Don McBride, AFC | o David Dayringer, AAFC | o Chad Mosby, APFF |
| o Larry Brewer, ASFFA | o Tim Grimes, APFF | o Rachel Nix, AFTA (ex officio) |
| o Stacey Caplener, AAFC | o JP Jordan, AAFC | o Tim Stuckey, AAFC |
| o Michael Cossey, APFF | o Sheila Magness, ARVFA | o Jimmy Sullivent, ARVFA |
| o Shane Dallas, ASFFA | o David Maxwell, ADEM (ex officio) | o Frank Owens, ASFFA |

Members Absent:

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| o Rob Medford, APFF | o Stephen Johnson, ASFFA | o Lindsey Williams, AFMO (ex officio) |
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Reporting Guests:

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| o Kendell Snyder
ADEM State Fire Service Coordinator | o Richard Drilling
Dept. of Finance & Administration | o Bryan Leonard
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Meeting called to order by Chairman JP Jordan.

Special Recognition

Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Director David Maxwell honored Richard Drilling of the Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration for his many years of hard work in support of the Act 833 funding as well as all state disaster funds.

Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration Report:

Mr. Drilling introduced Bryan Leonard, who will serve as his replacement as DFA liaison to the AFPSB. Mr. Drilling reported that the conversion of his spreadsheet to a new database for tracking Act 833 funds was almost ready. In addition, he stated that approximately \$2.3 million was being prepared for distribution.

Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Report:

Kendell Snyder, State Fire Service Coordinator, reported that approximately 900 fire departments had been certified. He received 200 applications in the final 10 days of October. He stated there are 19 departments in need of corrections to their Act 833 applications. The corrections ranged from small to large. All departments have been contacted.

MOTION – Chief David Dayringer made a motion to set an absolute final deadline of Friday, December 11 at the close of business. His motion was seconded by Sheila Magness and passed unanimously.

Coordinator Snyder reported that in January, he will receive assistance from an intern at Arkansas State University with data entry of questionnaires that are included in the Act 833 applications. He also reported that online submittal of Act 833 applications had been pushed back due to turnover in the IT department. The database and program has been built. It lacks installation and beta testing before it can go live.

Arkansas Forestry Commission Report:

Don McBride, Assistant State Forester, represented the Arkansas Forestry Commission in place of Fire Protection Administrator John Blackburn. Mr. McBride reported that they had been very busy conducting an inventory of federal property. Through the year of 2015 to date, the Arkansas Forestry Commission has processed 49 Freightliner trucks worth approximately \$5.7 million through the surplus program. Additionally, there are

approximately 4,159 items in the AFC warehouse available to Arkansas Fire Departments with a total value of \$1.26 million.

The Commission has presented 76 eight-hour Wildland Firefighting courses to 1,623 students representing 631 fire departments.

Arkansas Fire Training Academy Report:

Rachel Nix, Arkansas Fire Training Academy Director, reported that there were 30 graduates of the winter Firefighter Standards program, which began with 34 students.

Due to potential demand, the Academy has added a December Emergency Medical Technician class. Graduates of that class will be able to attend the January Firefighter Standards course, which did not previously have an EMT class to accompany it.

Director Nix reported that some politicians and fire chiefs expressed concern about a new rule requiring turnout gear to be less than 10 years old and in compliance with NFPA standards before being used in live burn training. She stated that she did expect the rule to affect training. The academy maintains 41 sets of turnouts in reserve on campus at East Camden.

MOTION – Tim Grimes made a motion to include cancer prevention education into “Intro” and “Firefighter Standards” courses and other classes as deemed necessary by the Director of the AFTA. Shane Dallas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Director Nix stated that a cancer-prevention module could be created separately for departments to present during drill nights.

New Business:

NEW MEMBERS – Chief Frank Owens of the Walnut Ridge Fire Department was welcomed to the Board. He replaces Christopher Jones. Stephen Johnson of Texarkana is also a new appointee to the Board. He replaces James Tolewitzke.

2016 ACT 833 APPLICATION – Chad Mosby made a motion to approve the 2016 Act 833 application. The motion was approved by Tim Stuckey and passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS – Tim Stuckey moved to reappoint the current board officers and elect them by acclimation. Stacey Caplener seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

2016 MEETING DATES – Board meeting dates for 2016 will be March 16 at ADEM, June 8th at Fayetteville Central Fire Station, September 14 at the Arkansas Fire Training Academy and December 14 at ADEM.

Adjournment:

Chad Mosby moved to adjourn the meeting. Shane Dallas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.